

App. No. 10/772,715
Office Action Dated April 6, 2005

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

The specification is amended by changing "0.006" to "0.005" wt. % at page 4, lines 22-23. This revision is made to be consistent with the Figure illustrations and is supported for example in Figure 1.

The drawings are amended, and particularly Figure 4 is amended to correct the legend illustrated, where the marks "●" and "○" in the legend box have been changed to respectively match the values "0.018wt%" and "0.05wt%" for T-Fe₂O₃. This revision is made so as to properly reflect the graph results, and to be consistent with Applicants' disclosure, for example, at page 16, line 3 to page 17, line 4.

Claim 18 is amended, where the revisions are supported for instance in Figure 1 and descriptions thereof. Claim 19 is added and supported for example in Figure 1 and at page 5, lines 23-27.

No new matter has been added. Claims 18-19 are pending.

Claim 18 is rejected under U.S.C 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection to the extent it is maintained.

Claim 18 has been amended and recites defined active process steps of decreasing and increasing the content of zinc oxide depending on a respective increase or decrease of iron oxide. Further, claim 18 recites a range for which the content of zinc oxide is decreased and increased. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 18 is definite for at least the foregoing reasons.

Favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully submit that claim 19 has been written in keeping with the issues as raised with respect to claim 18.

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Amendments to the Drawings:

Please amend the drawings as described below.

Please amend Figure 4 as attached herewith. A "Replacement Sheet" of Figure 4 is attached herewith in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121(d). The amendment is made for purposes of consistency with the disclosure of the specification only. No new matter has been added.

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In view of the above, Applicants believe that the pending claims are allowable. Favorable reconsideration in the form of a Notice of Allowance is requested. Any questions regarding this communication can be directed to the undersigned attorney.

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Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "D. Mueller", written over a horizontal line.

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